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1. During September 1951 the Central and South China Military Area Command in Hankow ordered the Kwangtung Military District Command to recruit and send to Hankow before 1 January 1952, 200,000 young men to serve as replacements for units of the 4 Field Army. As a result, a conference was held in Canton in mid-September with YEH Chien-ying presiding. The conference was attended by 100 important Kwangtung military leaders, including the heads of all the military sub-district commands. The representatives to the conference decided to recruit the required number of troops from former Nationalist Government employees, members of the families of landlords who fled from China, vacillating elements among workers and students, and prisoners in Kwangtung. Government officials in Kwangtung report that 80,000 of the 174,000 persons in prisons in Kwangtung are between the ages of 18 and 35 and are physically fit, and that all 80,000 will be conscripted to help fill the quota of 200,000 troops.

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2. YEH Chien-ying has not been able to organize his 6 Field Army after making preparations for over eight months. Because of opposition to LIN Piao.¹ Early in September YEH urged Peiping to send at least one more regular army of 30,000 seasoned troops to Kwangtung.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably this should be "because of the opposition of LIN Piao."

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